



**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS SPECIAL MEETING**

August 30, 2017 at 1:00pm

Regents Room of the Educational Services Building
NMSU Las Cruces Campus, 1780 East University Avenue
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Regents of New Mexico State University

Chair Debra Hicks, Vice Chair Kari Mitchell, Secretary/Treasurer Jerean Hutchinson, Mike Cheney, Margie Vela

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members

Faculty Senate Chair Christopher Brown, Ph.D.; Employee Council Chair Adam Cavotta; ASNMSU President Kevin Prieto

University Officials

Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.; Executive Vice President and Provost Daniel Howard, Ph.D.; Senior Vice President Andrew Burke, Ed.D.; General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.

MEETING MINUTES

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A. **Call to Order** - Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 1:45pm. The meeting was delayed due to a closed meeting running long.

1. Introductions

Introduction of the Media, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister introduced members of the media. A large contingent of media members were in attendance.

Introduction of Regent Margie Vela, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Board of Regents Chair Debra Hicks introduced Margie Vela, the new student Regent. Ms. Vela was appointed by Governor Martinez and has taken the oath of office. Regent Vela is a doctoral student studying water science and management. Her research focuses on the relationship between access to water and the social development and public health of communities. She currently studies water issues in the *Colonias* of the Border Region.

2. Confirmation of Quorum, *Chair Debra Hicks*

A quorum was confirmed, with all members of the Board in attendance.

3. Approval of the Agenda, *Chair Debra Hicks*

A motion was made by Regent Mitchell, and seconded, to table agenda items D-2 Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and E-1 Transforming Update, and to move item E-2 Regent Committee Appointments prior to the consideration of action items.

4. **Public Comment**, *Interim Associate Vice President Justin Bannister*

The following individuals provided public comment: Larry Allen, Dr. Tim Ketelaar, Dr. Christopher Brown, William Jones, Peter Goodman and Monica Dunivan.

B. **Approval of the Minutes**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Chair Hicks called for consideration of meeting minutes.

1. **Special Work Session Meeting of July 31 – August 1, 2017**

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the Special Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 31 – August 1, 2017. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

2. **Regular Meeting of August 1, 2017**

Regent Hutchinson moved approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2017. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

3. **Confirmation of Prior Executive Session of August 30, 2017**

Regents confirmed compliance with OMA by roll call: Regent Cheney-yes, Regent Hicks-yes, Regent Hutchinson-yes, Regent Mitchell-yes, Regent Vela-yes.

Item E-2 Regent Committee Appointments moved up in the agenda per Approval of the Agenda.

Chair Debra Hicks made committee appointments as follows to fulfill remaining terms (until the upcoming March annual meeting). Additional members serve in an ex-officio/non-voting capacity.

Regents Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee (RFSPBC)

Voting members: Regent Mitchell, Regent Hutchinson, Chancellor Carruthers, Adolpho Telles, Bob Danley, with one seat vacant. Leadership: Regent Mitchell Chair, Dr. Steve Stochaj Co-Chair.

Regents Student Success Committee (RSSC)

Voting members: Regent Hutchinson, Regent Mitchell, Provost Howard, Mike Rogers, Joe Lujan, and Jed Fanning. Leadership: Regent Hutchinson Chair, Jed Fanning Co-Chair.

Regents Audit and Risk Committee (RARC)

Voting members: Regent Hicks, Regent Vela, Brad Beasley, Shari Jones, and Cindy Seipel Tunnell. Leadership: Regent Hicks Chair, Brad Beasley Co-Chair.

Regents Real Estate Committee (RREC)

Voting members: Regent Hicks, Regent Cheney, Tom Hutchinson, Bill Sheriff, Chris Dulany, and Laura Conniff. Leadership: Regent Hicks Chair, Tom Hutchinson Co-Chair.

C. **Consent Items**, *Chair Debra Hicks*

Regent Mitchell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

1. **NMSU Las Cruces – Existing Housing Renovations**

Associate Vice President Glen Haubold and University Architect Heather Watenpaugh

2. **Regents Policy 4.25, Due Process**, *General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.*

3. **Regents Policy 1.03, Regents Committees**, *General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.*

4. **Item Intentionally Blank**

5. **Regents Audit Committee Charter**, *Natalie Kellner, Board Staff*

6. Regents Financial Strategies, Performance and Budget Committee Charter

Natalie Kellner, Board Staff

7. Regents Real Estate Committee Charter, Natalie Kellner, Board Staff

8. Regents Student Success Committee Charter, Natalie Kellner, Board Staff

D. Action Items, Chair Debra Hicks

1. NMSU Las Cruces – New Residence Hall

Associate Vice President Glen Haubold and University Architect Heather Watenpaugh

University Architect Watenpaugh shared the steps and timeline involved in completing construction of a new 300-bed residence hall on the Las Cruces campus for occupancy in Fall 2019 at a cost of \$21.5 million. Regent Mitchell made a motion to move forward with the steps required for construction. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

2. Vision 2020 Strategic Plan, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

Note agenda item was tabled and removed from consideration.

3. Fall 2017 NMSU Honorary Degree Recipient Nominee

Vice President Andrea Tawney, Ph.D. and Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.

Vice President Tawney nominated Sharon Jones as the Fall 2017 Honorary Degree Recipient for New Mexico State University highlighting 40 years of public service. Regent Cheney made a motion to approve nominee Jones. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela). Members lauded Jones contributions.

4. Solar Farm – Chihuahuan Desert Rangeland Research Center (CDRRC)

Scott Eschenbrenner, Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Eschenbrenner shared a potential opportunity for NMSU to participate in the development of a solar farm in conjunction with juwi Inc., noting juwi intends to bid on an RFP issued by El Paso Electric. In order to compete for the contract, juwi is looking for partners. A preliminary letter of intent for NMSU to participate with juwi was shared. In the event juwi would win the contract, a separate lease agreement would be developed and brought to the Board. This endeavor supports NMSU's interest in realizing greater return on its assets. Regent Cheney made a motion authorizing the Chancellor to negotiate and enter into a letter of intent, with minor modifications, to participate with juwi Inc. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

5. Corona Wind Energy – Corona Range and Livestock Research Center

Scott Eschenbrenner, Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Eschenbrenner shared a potential opportunity for NMSU to work with Pattern Energies in developing wind energy in the vicinity of the Corona Range. Regent Cheney made a motion to execute a land option agreement for wind energy development. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

6. Bylaws of the Regents of New Mexico State University, General Counsel Liz Ellis, J.D.

General Counsel Ellis shared a streamlined set of bylaws for consideration by the Board. Regent Hutchinson made a motion to approve the bylaws. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Hicks, Cheney, Hutchinson, Mitchell, Vela).

7. Action Plan for Chancellor Position, Chair Debra Hicks

Board members expressed appreciation for stakeholder input, commitment to, and passion for New Mexico State University. The Board recognizes the achievements of the Chancellor. The Board shows professionalism, confidentiality, restraint and integrity in personnel matters. The Board focuses on achieving the mission of NMSU, and has concerns with enrollment, research and student outcomes. It is incumbent that a governing board anticipate the future landscape of higher education and the leadership qualities required to meet the challenges of the next decade. Performance and outcomes are critical, as is building on momentum and enthusiasm for NMSU. Regent Mitchell moved that the Board move forward with a search process for the next Chancellor of New Mexico State University. Motion seconded. A roll call vote was taken (Hutchinson-aye, Mitchell-aye, Hicks-aye, Cheney-aye, Vela-abstain). Motion passed.

E. Informational Items, Chair Debra Hicks

- 1. Transforming Update, Chancellor Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D.**
Note agenda item was tabled and removed from discussion.
- 2. Regent Committee Appointments, Chair Debra Hicks**
Note item was moved up in the agenda.
- 3. Other Informational Items**
Note no discussion.

F. Announcements, Chair Debra Hicks

- 1. "Gun's Up" – Good News for NMSU!**
Note no discussion.
- 2. Upcoming Board of Regents Meetings**
September 9, 2017 @ 11:30 – Joint Meeting with UNM Board of Regents, Albuquerque, NM
October 2017 - TBD
Friday, December 8, 2017 @ 9:00am
Note no discussion.

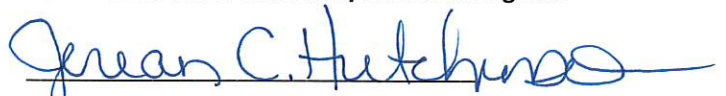
G. Adjournment, Chair Debra Hicks

Regent Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Hicks adjourned the meeting at 2:58pm.

Meeting Minutes Approved on October 5, 2017 by the New Mexico State University Board of Regents



Debra P. Hicks
Board of Regents Chair



Jekuan C. Hutchinson
Board of Regents Secretary/Treasurer